

FISCAL NOTE

SB 434 - HB 574

March 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands offense of escape from a penal institution to include escape by persons being held on charges other than a criminal offense. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor if the person is being held for any reason other than a felony offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- It is conceivable that persons jailed for civil contempt of court, involuntary mental health commitment, or juvenile delinquency could be included within the expanded offense of escape. The number of persons jailed for civil matters who escape is estimated to be negligible.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director